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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 27 March 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please add new claims 56-70. The new claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

56. (NEW) A mechanical fastener comprising:

a nonwoven web with at least one discrete polymeric region fused to a first major side of the nonwoven web such that polymer of the at least one discrete polymeric region is entangled